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Executive Order No. 17-99

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING A DISASTER . TO EXIST IN THE TOWN OF OUTLOOK

WHEREAS, extremely dry conditions and high winds have combined to create hazardous fire conditions throughout eastern Montana; and

WHEREAS, on October 31, 1999, wildland fires occurred in many central and eastern Montana counties, causing evacuation of several communities and damage to private and public property;

WHEREAS, a wildland fire overran the Town of Outlook causing the destruction of several businesses and residences, severe smoke damage to the school and town hall, damage to the town park and debris removal problems; and

WHEREAS, although the Town of Outlook has committed all available resources and taken all possible actions to respond, mitigate and alleviate the situation, local resources are not sufficient to respond to the conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Outlook declared a disaster and has exhausted all available emergency levies by appropriating emergency funding in an amount equivalent to a two mill levy on



the town's taxable valuation, pursuant to section 10-3-405, MCA, to respond in the aftermath of the severe weather, and

WHEREAS, red flag warnings continue to be issued by the National Weather Service reflecting continued threats of wildland fires for areas east of the Continental Divide; and

WHEREAS, these conditions authorize the Governor to mobilize state resources and the Montana National Guard to protect life, health and property and authorize the Governor under section 10-3-311, MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies and needs arising from the emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare a disaster to exist in the Town of Outlook.

This order is effective immediately.

SEAL of the State of Montana, this 5th day of Movember, 1999.

MARC RACICOT, Governor

ATTEST:

MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State by & Kutwiler Deputy



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Executive Order No. 16-99

EXECUTIVE ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4-98

WHEREAS, the Peace Officers Standards & Training Advisory
Council, the existence of which is continued by Executive Order
No. 4-98, consists of fifteen members; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Rule 23.14.401(3) added two representatives to that Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Montana, do hereby increase the size of the Council by amending the provisions of Executive Order No. 4-98, striking in Section II. COMPOSITION the word "fifteen" and inserting "seventeen".

This order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 18 day of Other, 1999.

MARC RACICOT, Governor

ATTEST:

MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State

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Executive Order No. 15-99

EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON TOBACCO USE PREVENTION

WHEREAS, tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death in Montana and accounts for approximately 1,500 deaths annually, nearly 20 percent of all deaths; and

WHEREAS, tobacco use has been identified as a cause of lung cancer, emphysema, oral cancer, asthma, cardiovascular disease and other diseases; and

WHEREAS, disease related to tobacco use places an unacceptable financial burden on Montana residents and Montana state government; and

WHEREAS, a statewide tobacco use prevention program can be effective in reducing tobacco consumption in Montana and in improving the health of Montanans; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health and Human Services has received funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and from the national settlement with the tobacco industry to establish a comprehensive tobacco use prevention program; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of an effective, sustained,



comprehensive tobacco use prevention program requires the cooperation and advice of state and local policy makers, the health care and public health communities, businesses, educators, and private citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 2-15-122, MCA, do hereby create the Governor's Council on Tobacco Use Prevention.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Council is to provide advice to the Department of Public Health and Human Services in the implementation of a comprehensive tobacco use prevention program, in the expenditure of funds from the CDC tobacco prevention grant and from the tobacco settlement funding allocated to the Department, and in assuring ongoing coordination with other prevention programs.

II. COMPOSITION

The Council shall be composed of the Director of the Department of Public Health and Human Services or the director's designee and not more than twenty five additional members, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and who shall represent the interests of the following groups: the Montana House of Representatives, the Montana Senate, the American Lung Association of the Northern Rockies, the Idaho/Montana Region of the American Heart Association, the Western Pacific Division of the American Cancer Society, the Montana Medical Association,

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the Montana Dental Association, county health officers, local tobacco coalitions, Montana Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, Montana School Boards Association, MHA...An Association of Health Care Providers, Montana's youth, Montana Public Health Association, Montana Nurses Association, Tobacco Free Montana Coalition, Montana law enforcement, Montana Association of Counties, private business, senior citizens, Montana's American Indians and the Indian Health Service.

The Council is attached to the Health Policy and Services Division of the Department of Public Health and Human Services for administrative purposes. The names of the members shall be submitted by separate appointment letters to the Secretary.of State.

III. COMPENSATION

Compensation to Council members shall be as provided by Section 2-15-122(S), MCA.

IV. <u>DURATION</u>

The Council shall exist for a period of two years from the effective date of this order. This order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 22 day of September, 1999.

MARC RACICOT, Governor

ATTEST:

MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State

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Executive Order No. 14-99

EXECUTIVE ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8-98

WHEREAS, the Upper Clark Fork River Basin Remediation and Restoration Education Advisory Council, the existence of which is created by Executive Order No. 8-98, consists of state government and non-state government members; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the state government members should not be voting members.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the laws and Constitution of the State of Montana, do hereby amend the provisions of Executive Order No. 8-98 by adding the phrase ", who shall be nonvoting members" on page 4, line 12 after the word "members". This order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 140 day of Seamond, 1999.

MARC RACICOT, Governor

MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State



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Executive Order No. 12-99

EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE MOTOR FUEL TAX COLLECTION, ENFORCEMENT AND REFUND ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is statutorily charged with the collection, refund and administration of the motor fuel tax program in the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, fuel tax evasion potentially costs the state substantial sums of revenue for highway funding purposes including construction, maintenance and safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Constitution provides for, and state statute establishes, a process for refunding fuel taxes collected for off-road uses in which entitlement is often confusing and potentially unfair to taxpayers as well as to the MDT; and

WHEREAS, state law permits MDT to belong to interstate and international associations charged with ensuring that statutory and regulatory enforcement of fuel tax programs are carried out, since they are vital to the establishment and maintenance of a safe and efficient highway system; and



WHEREAS, MDT is responsible for the motor fuel tax program and is desirous of determining the best and most efficient way to review, analyze, coordinate and harmonize the processes for collection, enforcement and refunding of motor fuel taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of Montana, in accordance with section 2-15-122, MCA, do hereby establish the Motor Fuel Tax Collection, Enforcement and Refund Advisory Council.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Council is to study the state's motor fuel tax laws and regulations and to make recommended changes as necessary to ensure fair, impartial compliance with statutory and constitutional mandates.

II. <u>DUTIES</u>.

The Council shall:

- review current fuel tax collection procedures including the audit process, point of taxation and dispute resolution;
- 2. review the role of MDT and the power and responsibility of the Motor Carrier Services Division to assist in the enforcement of motor fuel tax laws;
- 3. review the methodology and procedure for determining who is entitled to a tax refund for off-road use and how to most efficiently make the refund process work;
- 4. invite public input into the deliberations of the Council to ensure maximum participation of all interested groups

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and individuals; and

5. make recommendations to the Governor as to whether statutory or administrative changes are warranted to modify the existing framework of operation regarding the motor fuel tax program.

III. COMPOSITION

The Council shall be composed of no more than 14 members who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The membership shall include representatives of all affected interest groups including but not limited to state government, Montana contractors, Montana agriculture, fuel distributors and legislators. The Council will elect a member to serve as chairperson. The names and addresses of the members of the Council will be submitted by separate letter to the Secretary of State.

IV. ADMINISTERING AGENCY

The Council shall be attached to the Montana Department of Transportation for administrative purposes. The Department shall assist the Council by providing staff and other resources and information as warranted or requested. The Director of the Department or his designee shall be the liaison between the Governor and the Council.

V. <u>COMPENSATION</u>

Members of the council will be compensated as provided in section 2-15-122, MCA. The Department of Transportation is responsible for the statutory expenses of Council members.



VI. DURATION

The Council shall exist from the date of this order until December 31, 2000, unless extended or terminated as provided by law.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 26th day of August , 1999.

MARC RACICOT, Governor

ATTEST:

MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State



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Executive Order No. 11-99

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING A DISASTER TO EXIST IN FERGUS COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LEWISTOWN

WHEREAS, on August 14, 1999, severe thunderstorms and tornado activity swept through Fergus County and the City of Lewistown; and

WHEREAS, tornado activity created a substantial amount of debris from damaged buildings, broken and uprooted trees, power and communication outages, and disrupted gas lines, creating a significant public health and safety hazard; and

WHEREAS, although local jurisdictions are committing all available resources and taking all possible actions to respond, mitigate, and alleviate the situation, local resources may not be able to respond to the conditions; and

WHEREAS, these conditions authorize the Governor to mobilize state resources, including the Montana National Guard, to protect life, health and property and authorize the Governor under section 10-3-311, MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies arising from the disaster; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation of a disaster authorizes the Governor, under section 10-3-104 (2) (a), MCA, to suspend



section 2-18-501, MCA, to allow reasonable expenditures for food and lodging for activated National Guard and state agency personnel responding to an emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution of the State of Montana, Title 10, chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare that a disaster exists in Fergus County and the City of Lewistown.

This order is effective August 14, 1999.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this liday of hugust, 1999.

MARC RACICOT, Governor

MIKE COONEY, Secretary of **S**tate

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10-99 Executive Order No.

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST IN THE EASTERN MONTANA FIRE ZONE INCLUDING THE COUNTIES OF BIG HORN, BLAINE, CARBON, CARTER, CHOUTEAU, CUSTER, DANIELS, DAWSON, FALLON, FERGUS, GARFIELD, GOLDEN HILL, JUDITH BASIN, LIBERTY, VALLEY, MUSSELSHELL, PETROLEUM, PHILLIPS, POWDER RIVER, ROOSEVELT, ROSEBUD, SHERIDAN, RICHLAND, STILLWATER, SWEET GRASS, TREASURE, VALLEY, WHEATLAND, WIBAUX, AND YELLOWSTONE

WHEREAS, extremely dry conditions and high winds have combined to create hazardous fire conditions throughout the Eastern Montana Fire Zone of the State; and

WHEREAS, wildland fires are currently burning and have created an imminent threat of a disaster which timely action can avert or minimize; and

WHEREAS, these conditions authorize the Governor to mobilize state resources and the Montana National Guard to protect life, health and property and authorize the Governor under sections 10-3-311 and 10-3-312(b), MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies arising from the emergency; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation of an emergency authorizes the Governor, under section 10-3-104(2)(a), MCA, to suspend section



2-18-501, MCA, to allow reasonable expenditures for food and lodging for activated National Guard and state agency personnel responding to an emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution of the State of Montana and Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists in the Eastern Fire Zone of the State of Montana.

This Order is effective July 24, 1999.

SEAL of the State of Montana, this 26 day of July , 1999.

MARC RACICOT, Governor

ATTEST:

MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State



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Executive Order No. 7-99

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING A DISASTER TO EXIST IN THE TOWN OF OPHEIM IN VALLEY COUNTY

WHEREAS, on June 21, 1999, a severe thunderstorm and tornado swept through the Town of Opheim in Valley County; and

WHEREAS, the tornado caused considerable damage to private and public property; and

WHEREAS, the tornado created a substantial amount of debris from damaged buildings, broken and uprooted trees, as well as power outages resulting from downed power lines, creating a significant public health and safety hazard; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Opheim has committed all available resources and taken all possible actions to respond, mitigate and alleviate the situation, and the local resources are not sufficient to respond to the conditions; and

whereas, the Town of Opheim declared a disaster and has exhausted all available emergency levies by appropriating emergency funding in an amount equivalent to a two (2) mill levy on the town's taxable valuation, pursuant to section 10-3-405, MCA, to respond in the aftermath of the severe weather; and



WHEREAS, a proclamation of a disaster authorizes the Governor under Section 10-3-311, MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies and needs arising from these conditions.

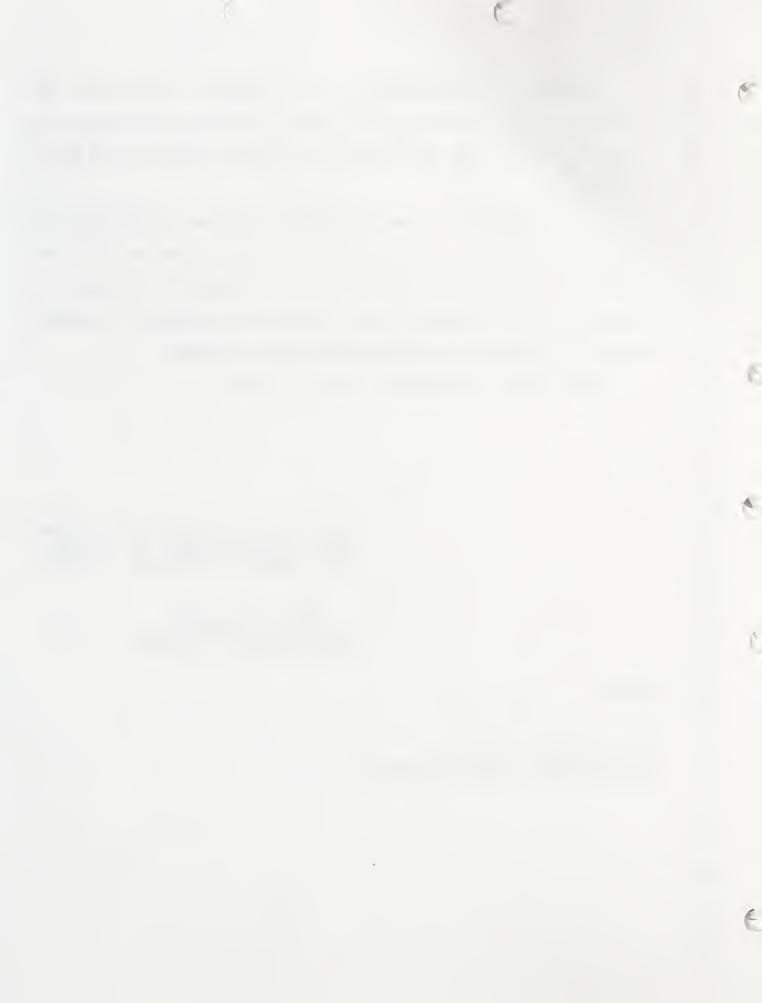
NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution of the State of Montana and Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare a disaster to exist in the Town of Opheim.

This Order is effective June 21; 1999.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 23 day of June

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Executive Order No. 6-99

EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE MONTANA Y2K READINESS COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the new millennium will begin soon, bringing new challenges and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the long established practice of designing computer systems using only the last two digits to represent the year in computer date fields could result in the improper functioning of computer systems. These computer malfunctions could result in disruptions in the delivery of goods and services our citizens have come to depend upon. This issue is commonly refereed to as the Year 2000 problem ("Y2K"); and

WHEREAS, organizations both public and private have been working diligently to resolve the Y2K problem; and

WHEREAS, public and private cooperation and information sharing are essential to the eventual success in preventing disruptions to the populace; and

WHEREAS, an informed citizenry is necessary to prevent counterproductive or inappropriate actions by some.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of

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Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the State of Montana, do hereby create the Montana Y2K Readiness Council ("the Council").

1. PURPOSE

The Council shall:

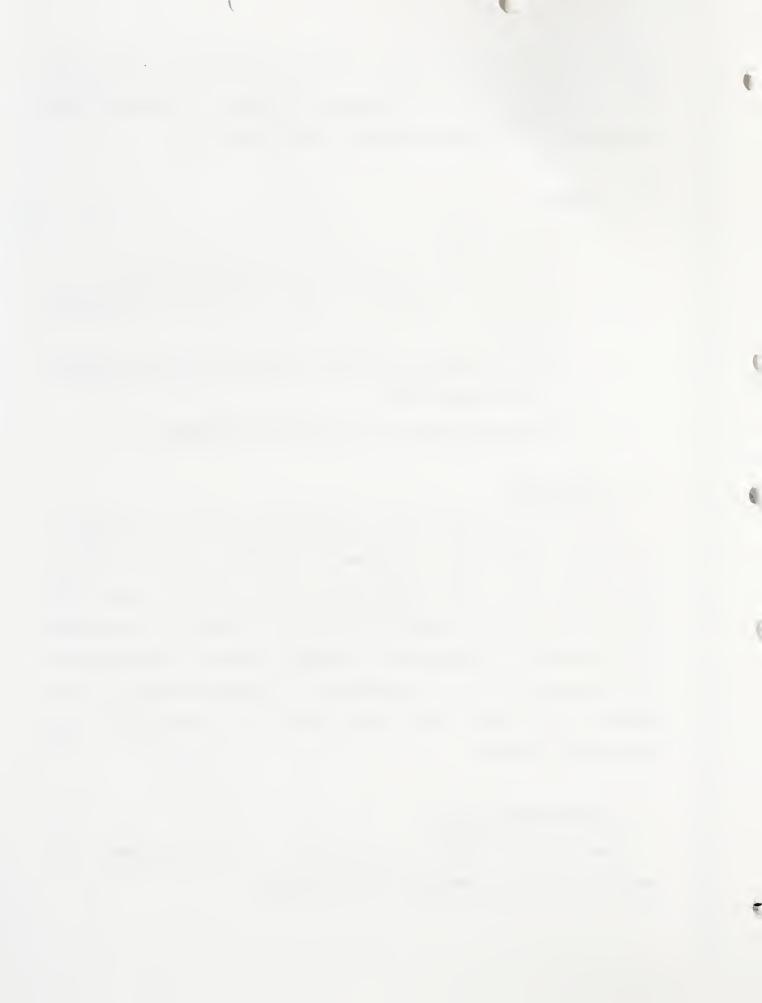
- 1) promote public understanding of the Y2K issue;
- encourage cooperation and facilitate information sharing;
- gather detailed, relevant information from key sectors of the economy; and
- 4) advise the Governor on Y2K related issues.

II. COMPOSITION

The Council shall consist of representatives of the public and private sectors who are keenly involved in the Y2K issue. The Council shall be appointed by the Governor, and the membership shall not exceed 20 members. The names and addresses of the members of the Council, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, will be submitted by separate letter to the Secretary of State. The Council shall be chaired by the Lieutenant Governor.

III. ADMINISTERING AGENCY

The Council shall be attached to the Department of Administration for administrative purposes.



IV. DURATION

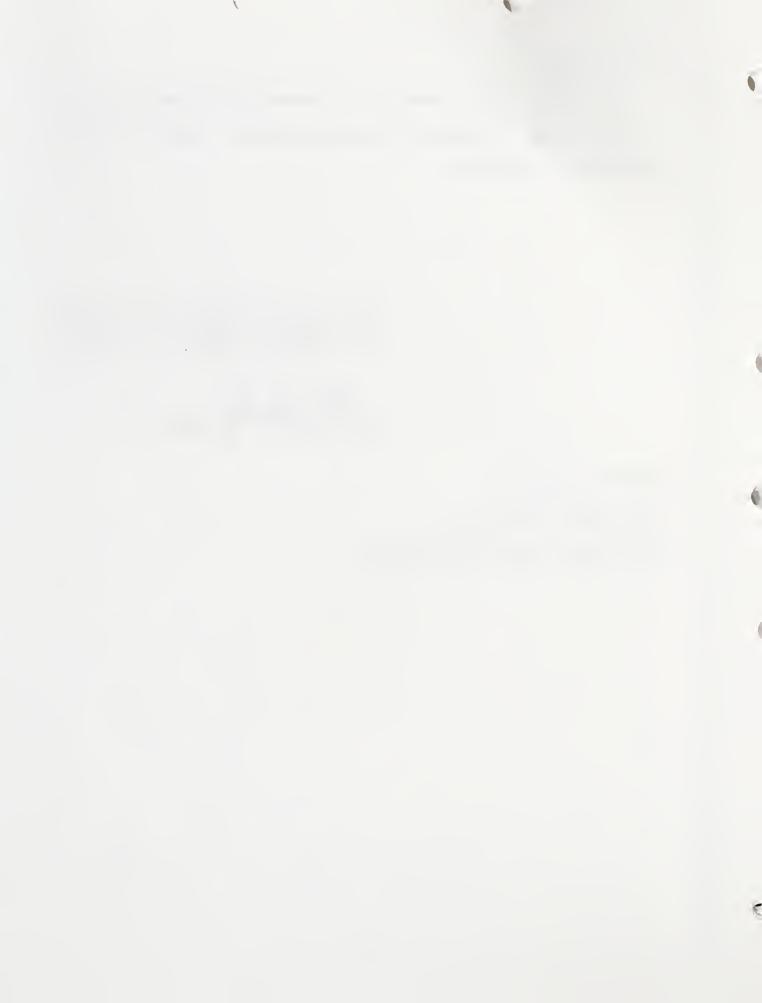
The Council shall remain in existence until June 30, 2000, unless extended by subsequent executive order. This Order shall be effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 230 day of _______, 1999.

MARC RACICOT, Governor

ATTEST:

MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State



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Executive Order No. 3-99

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING A DISASTER TO EXIST IN DANIELS COUNTY

WHEREAS, a heavy snowpack coupled with unseasonably warm temperatures in late March and early April produced flooding and caused severe widespread damage to county roads, bridges and culverts in Daniels County; and

WHEREAS, Daniels County has committed all available resources, taken all possible actions to respond, mitigate and alleviate the situation, and the local resources are not sufficient to meet the conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Daniels County Board of Commissioners has exhausted all available emergency levies by appropriating emergency funding in an amount equivalent to a two (2) mill levy on the taxable valuation of the county outside the incorporated municipalities pursuant to Section 10-3-405, MCA, and has requested supplemental state disaster assistance; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation of an emergency or disaster authorizes the Governor under Section 10-3-311, MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies and needs



arising from these conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution of the State of Montana and Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare a disaster to exist in Daniels County.

This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 27 day of April , 1999.

MARC RACICOT, Governor

ATTEST:

MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State





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Executive Order No. 1-99

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EXECUTIVE ORDER CONTINUING THE MISSOURI RIVER BASIN ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Missouri River Basin Association is an association of states and tribes in the Missouri River Basin concerned with monitoring and resolving issues pertaining to the management of the Missouri River system; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation is charged with the responsibility of representing the State of Montana in the Missouri River Basin Association; and

WHEREAS, management of the Missouri River system should reflect public concerns and input; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri River Basin Association has arranged to sponsor meetings with other Basin states which seek to achieve resolution of conflicting uses of the river system by including the participation of private citizens and representatives of system users.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the



Constitution and laws of the State of Montana, do hereby continue the Missouri River Basin Advisory Council (the Council).

I. PURPOSE

The Council shall participate in meetings sponsored by the Missouri River Basin Association for the purpose of seeking resolution of conflicts among competing uses within the Missouri River System, and provide advice on the development of the State's position regarding management of the Missouri River system.

II. COMPOSITION

The Council shall consist of at least ten members. The Chairman of the Council shall be the Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. The names and addresses of members who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor shall be submitted by separate letter to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and the Secretary of State.

III. COMPENSATION

Council member's expenses eligible for compensation shall be compensated by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation at the prevailing state rate for each day actually and necessarily engaged in the performance of Council duties.



IV. <u>DURATION</u>

This Council shall exist for a period of two years from the effective date of this Order unless extended by subsequent Executive Order. This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 24 day of february, 1999.

MARC RACICOT, Governor

ATTEST:

MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State

